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Kidwell Farm: Spring Babies Arrive By The Dozens

There are babies, babies and more babies at Kidwell Farm located at Frying Pan Farm Park in Herndon, VA. Springtime is a busy time in the barnyard at this 1930's working farm. The farmer and volunteers work to breed a wide variety of animals and provide local families with the opportunity to experience a bit of the county's agricultural past.

On March 6, 2006 the Blue Butt sow became the proud mother of six gilts (girls) and six boars (boys). Half of the babies are black and white (Hampshires) and the other half are white with blue ears and behinds – thus called blue butts! Blue Butt pigs are a breed of pigs created by cross breeding a Yorkshire (white with erect ears) with a Hampshire (black body with a white stripe around the middle). A sow is a female pig which has had babies at least once.

Other news from the farm nursery includes the birth of seven gilts and three boars to the Hampshire sow, Olive Oil. These were born on the afternoon of March 12, 2006.

Additionally, Chyna, the Duroc pig known for her red color and floppy ears, gave birth to six boars and four gilts on the night of March 14, 2006.

The next babies due are more piglets. You can track arrivals online by visiting our website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fpp/newarrivals.htm>.

Frying Pan Farm Park is located at 2709 West Ox Road in Herndon. For more information or directions call them at 703-437-9101 or visit them online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fpp.

(Media note: Photos of the babies are available online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/press/photos>.)

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